

### Welcome Back

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a wonderful time, enjoying time spent with family and friends. We hope the children are as excited as we are to be back, ready for the spring term! We have already had a fun exciting week with snow! What a wonderful way to end the Christmas break with a day of snow to enjoy! We have heard lots of exciting stories of snowmen, sledging and snowball fights! We have also really loved hearing the children's excited stories of Christmas, toys and time with family. We want to share with you the exciting plans we have ahead for the spring term...

### **EYFS Learning for spring term**

<b>Big Idea</b>	<b>Key Learning Questions</b>
Contrasting countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is life like in other countries?</li> <li>• What are houses like in other countries ?</li> <li>• How does my house look different or the same compared to others?</li> <li>• What is the weather like in other countries?</li> <li>• What is music like in other countries?</li> <li>• How do people travel to different countries</li> <li>• What is pollution?</li> <li>• How does pollution hurt animals?</li> <li>• How can we help planet earth and animals?</li> <li>• What materials can we recycle?</li> </ul>
Pirates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is a pirate?</li> <li>• What do pirates do?</li> <li>• Where did pirates live?</li> <li>• Where do pirates come from?</li> </ul>
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where does water come from?</li> <li>• What do we use water from?</li> <li>• How can we save water?</li> <li>• How do we use water in the home/school?</li> <li>• How can we look after the oceans?</li> </ul>
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the weather like in spring?</li> <li>• Can you find any signs of spring?</li> <li>• How do plants grow?</li> <li>• What do plants need to grow?</li> <li>• Can you name the 4 parts of a flower?</li> <li>• What happens in nature in spring?</li> </ul>

#### **Phonics**

We have resumed our phonics sessions, some children will be bringing home their books to read with you and others will continue to practise their single letter sounds and two letter one sound cards. Please aim to read/practise sounds with your child 4 times a week and record in their reading record. We do phonics every day in school so please do send in the reading pouch with the reading record inside.

#### **Writing**

Drawing club will start next week, we are super excited about this. It is a chance for children to learn to love reading, writing and exploring texts.

#### **Maths**

Maths this term will progress from the work we did in autumn term, we will look at 3d shapes, patterns, measure and numbers beyond 10 and number bonds to 10 further developed in provision.

## **General information:**

### **Outdoor learning**

We will continue to utilise the outdoor areas in all weathers, this does mean the children will possibly get wet or dirty so please do send in spare clothes so they can change if this occurs. Also ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing for the weather, hats, gloves, a warm waterproof coat and wellies.

### **PE day**

PE days remain the same;

**Hokusai- Wednesday      Monet- Friday**

Your children can come dressed in PE kits on these days, please ensure all jewellery is removed on these days and that your child has appropriate footwear- trainers ideally as we may be outside.

### **Library Day**

Library days also remain the same, **Monet Wednesday and Hokusai Friday**.

Please return your child's library books on these days.

### **Labelling**

Please label ALL of your children's clothing, equipment, items they will bring in to school. It is so important so that we can return any lost/misplaced items to their correct owner!

### **Spare clothing**

Children do get messy/wet or dirty with our fun activities and we do go outside in all weathers, so please do ensure your child has a spare change of clothes.

We also have lent out a lot of our own spare clothes, and our stocks are running really low- particularly socks! If you have any spare we wondered if you would consider donating them to school, and if you have any of the school's spare items could these please be returned? Many thanks.

## **Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 22nd January 2.15-3.15** – parents invited in for stay and play sessions including tasting foods from other countries to celebrate the end of our topic.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2.30-3.15**- Stay and play- parents invited in to play and read with children

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2.30-3.15**- Stay and play- parents invited to come in and play and read with children.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**- Break up for half term- 1 week.

## **Contact**

If you need to get in touch with either class teachers, these are the relevant emails:

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